

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-12 and 19-28 are pending in this application. Claims 13-18 have been withdrawn. In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims in Group I, (claims 1-12, and 19-28) without traverse.

Applicants provisionally elect group A related to chamber plasma method with traverse. The Examiner stated that there is no generic claim for the groups A, B, and C. Applicants respectfully disagree. Independent claims 1 and 12 are broad enough to include the three groups. Claims 5, 6, 9, 22, 23, and 26 relate to group B; claims 7 and 24 relate to group C; and the remaining claims either relate to group A or are broad enough to include all three groups. Applicants do not believe it is necessary to elect one of the groups, as requested by the Examiner. In addition, Applicants believe examining all three groups together would not unduly burden the Examiner.

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the claims in Group II (claim 14), and Group III (claims 13-18) in a separate application. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

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